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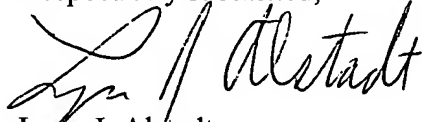
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United States Patent No. 3,139,866 to Lumm et al.
United States Patent No. 3,476,180 to Straight, Jr. et al.
United States Patent No. 4,019,445 to Stoia et al.
United States Patent No. 4,423,513 to De Long
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